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MEMORANDUM

TO: Retirement Boards

FROM: Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director

RE: Child Support Enforcement Initiative Update

DATE: August 8, 2000

Attached is a copy of a press release issued by Frederick A. Laskey, Commissioner of the Department of Revenue (DOR) announcing that nearly \$200,000 in delinquent child support payments have been collected through the combined efforts of DOR, PERAC and the Retirement Boards.

In 1998 the Act to Improve the Massachusetts Child Support Enforcement Program was enacted. This statute amended certain sections of G.L. c. 32 to require Retirement Boards to intercept retirement allowances and refunds to satisfy a member's child support obligation. DOR and PERAC implemented a successful pilot program involving ten retirement systems. The program was implemented for all Boards and in Fiscal Year 2000, ending June 30, 2000, \$199,856 was collected as a result of these efforts.

The cooperation and assistance provided by the Board Members and Staffs of the Retirement Systems resulted in children receiving the financial support to which they were entitled. You are all to be commended for your efforts.